J. HAM LEWIS WANTS MAYOR HARRISON TO INVESTIGATE DEPARTMENT STORES

J. Ham Lewis, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator, has written a letter to Mayor Harrison asking him to appoint a commission "to investigate wages paid by **DEPARTMENT STORES,** factories, manufactories and different establishments where women and young men are employed."

J. Ham says "the heads of these institutions are patriotic citizens, and if a real condition is brought to their attention, I am sure that they will themselves remedy it."

That's where J. Ham is off his trolley. The attention of these so-called patriotic citizens has been called to real conditions in the report of the Chicago Vice Commission, but the newspapers didn't print the report and only an exclusive few got to read it.

Probably J. Ham has also noticed that the only morning paper that printed his letter was The World, and it is the only paper the big department stores don't advertise in.

Here's what Lewis calls Mayor Harrison's attention to: "You have doubtless noticed from the Vice Commission report of our fellow citizens, Dean Sumner, and others, and from daily reports of the newspapers and of the constant reports of the municipal court, of the hundreds of instances of young women, also instances of young men who have been guilty of embezzlements, thefts and other shortcomings which are the wreck of their future, who being charged with different offenses, bring forth developments that **THE VERY SMALL WAGES RECEIVED, THE SMALL PAY OBTAINED, IS SUCH THAT THESE PERSONS CAN NEITHER LIVE AS MORAL INDIVIDUALS, OR AS HUMAN BEINGS. THE RESULT OF THIS IS THE HABITS AND PRACTICES ON THE PART OF THESE WOMEN AND YOUNG MEN AND GIRLS WHICH DISHONOR THEIR LIVES, DISGRACE THEIR FAMILIES, DESTROY THEIR EXISTENCE, AND REFLECT MUCH UPON THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF MODERN SOCIETY."**

One might wish J. Ham Lewis wrote United States instead of